Atty. Dkt. No. 086305-0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Yoshitsugu NAKATOMI

Title:

HEAT ACCUMULATING STRUCTURE ON THE END OF A HEATING ROLLER IN

A FIXING DEVICE **EMPLOYING AN**

INDUCTION HEATING COIL

SYSTEM

Appl. No.:

10/608,431

Appl. Filing Date:

6/30/2003

Examiner:

Leung, Philip H.

Art Unit:

3742

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

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| | [] | Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on |
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| | [X] | Amendment/Reply. |
| | [] | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). |
| | [] | Information Disclosure Statement. |
| | [] | Form PTO-1449 with copies of listed reference(s). |
| | [] | Other. |
| Miscel | laneous | : |
| | [] | Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 |
| | | C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. |

The filing fee is calculated below:

| | Claims as Amended | | Previously Paid For | | ra Claims sent | | Rate | | Fee Totals |
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| RCE Fee 1.17(e): | | | | | | | \$790.00 | = | \$790.00 |
| Total Claims: | 8 | - | 20 | = 0 | | x | \$50.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Independents | 2 | • | 3 | = 0 | | x | \$200.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| First p | resentation o | of any | y Multiple | Depende | nt Claims: | + | \$360.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | CLAIMS | FEE | TOTAL: | = | \$790.00 |

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

| [X] | Extension for response filed within the first month: | \$120.00 | 1 | \$120.00 | | |
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| [] | Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$450.00 | | \$0.00 | | |
| [] | Extension for response filed within the third month: | \$1,020.00 | | \$0.00 | | |
| [] | Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,590.00 | | \$0.00 | | |
| [] | Extension for response filed within the fifth month: | \$2,160.00 | | \$0.00 | | |
| | EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL: | | | | | |
| EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: - | | | | | | |
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| CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL: | | | | | | |
| [] | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| [] |] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) | | | | | |
| | TC | TAL FEE: | | \$910.00 | | |
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- [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$910.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$910.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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